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| For: CHICKEN GROWTH HORMONE |) | |
| RELEASING HORMONE |) | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please interpose the following amendments to the claims in the referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-number the following claims as follows:

15. A nucleic acid sequence encoding the chicken GHRH receptor, said sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
16. A transgenic avian species comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the protein of claim 3.
17. A transgenic avian species comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the protein of claim 7.

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